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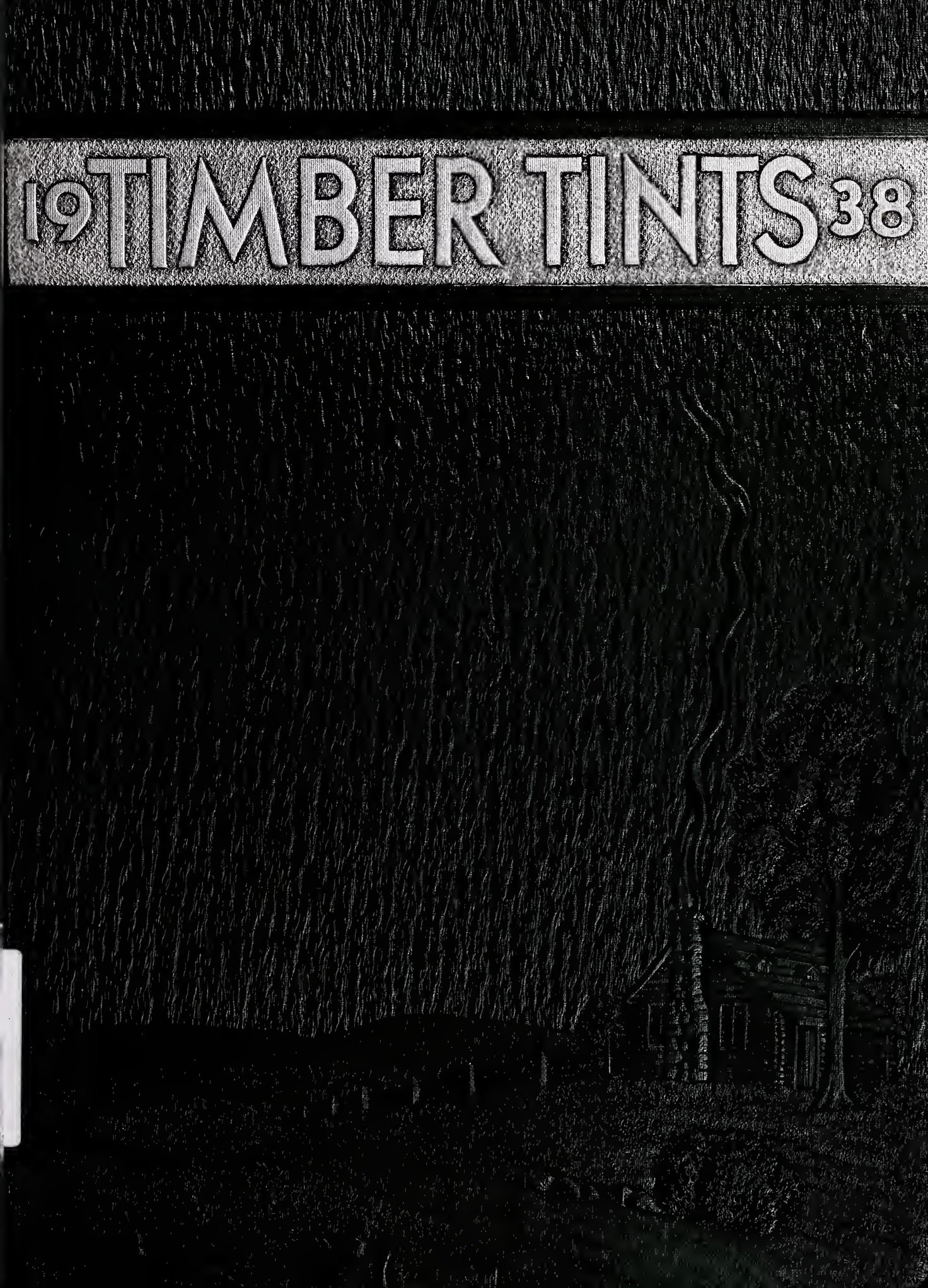

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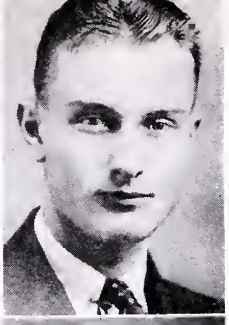

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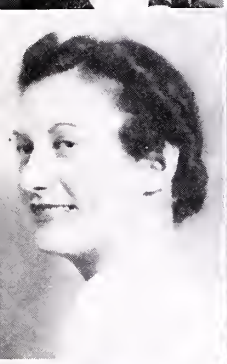

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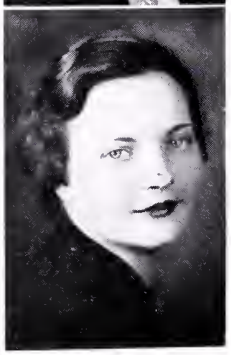

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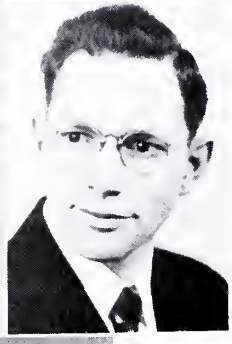

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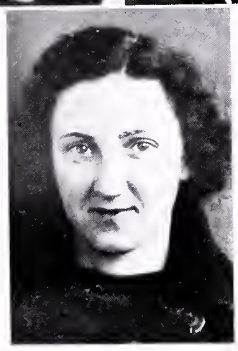

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Senior Class Song

TUNE: "My Cabin of Dreams"

As the years have rolled by
We must bid you good-bye;
For past pleasures we sigh,
And the good ole school days.
At the end of the way
Waits success for us some day,
As we work or we play
We think of Bassett Hi.
Traveling down through the years
Facing trials and fears,
We'll be glad of the care
That was given us there.
To the school we adore
We say farewell once more
As we pass through that door—
To our memories of school.

Now that Maytime is here,
We say good-bye with tears
As we think of the years
Spent in Bassett Hi.
As we start on our way,
Let all of us say
"Happy landing some day,"
In the life work you choose.
Starting on down the line
Leaving friends behind,
May we always find
Success and happiness.
When we close the school door,
We will look just once more
On the school we adore,
Adieu to teachers—and friends.

—*By* ELSIE MITCHELL and JESSIE WILLIAMS.

As the Senior Class leaves to take their places in life,
Part will be sorrow, part will be strife,
They will always remember the days spent in school,
When they were first taught the Golden Rule.

They will remember their teachers, some they disliked,
But later in life found their teachers were right.
They will also see the mistakes they have made
And every folly for which they have paid.

But Freshmen and Sophomores they finally came to be,
And the things that were wrong they began to see.
They learned it was better to be kind and true,
And always their tasks and lessons to do.

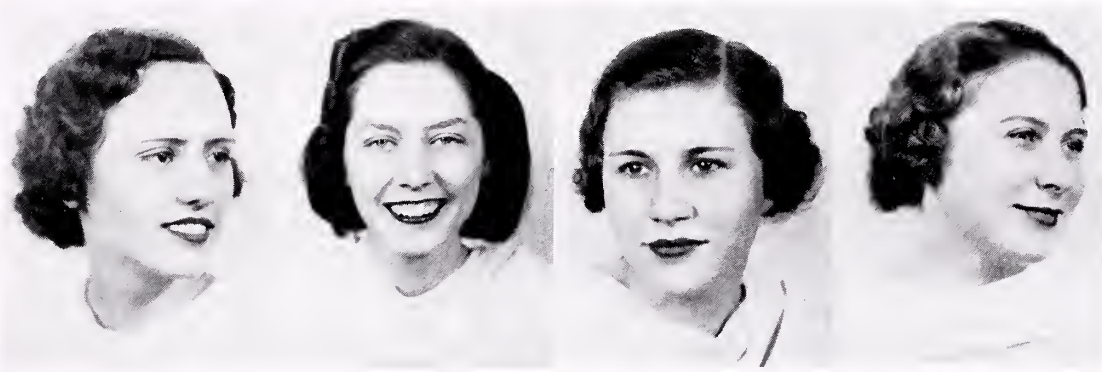
When they became Juniors they thought they were "it,"
All they did was run and skip.
For next year dignified Seniors they would become,
Full of laughter, joy and fun.

Into the Senior year they did step,
Full of energy and winning pep.
Determined in their hearts to do their best,
To uphold the honor of B. H. S.

The Senior Class of 1938
Thirty-one in number and all up to date.
All they wish for is a chance for success
And we are sure each one will do his best.

—CODELL JONES.

Senior Class Poem



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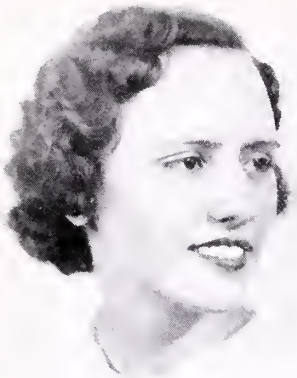
Seniors



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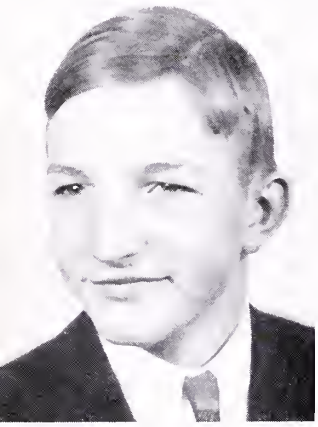

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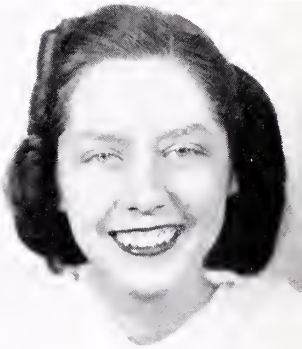

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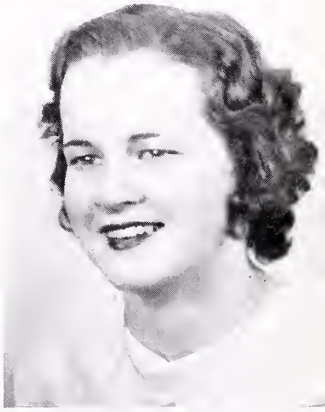

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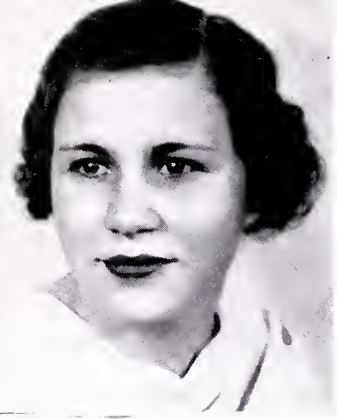

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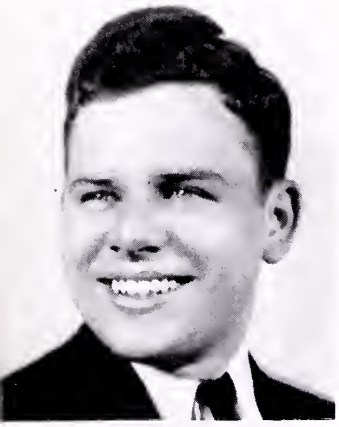

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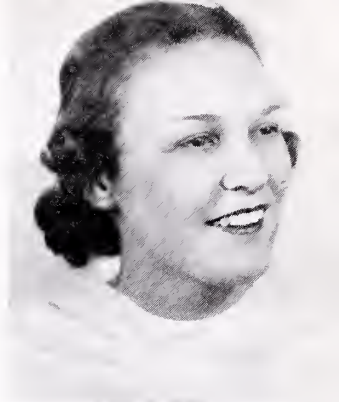

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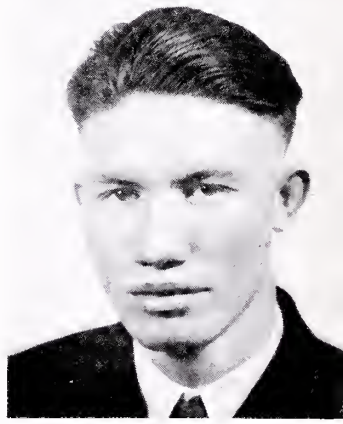

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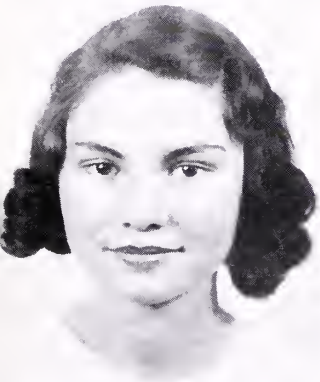

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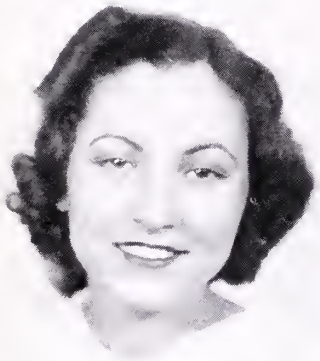

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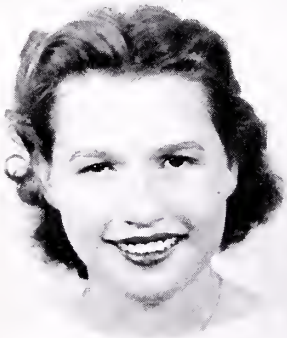

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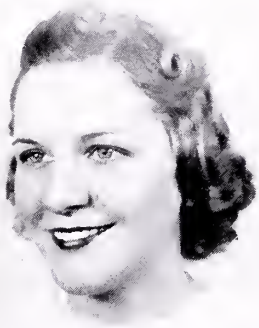

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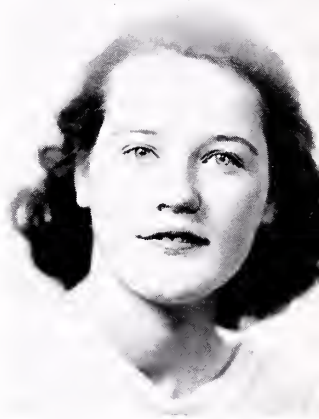

BESSIE EVA YOUNG

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FRESHMAN (Spring)

Spring is the time of all green and growing things, fresh and verdant in their newness to all life. What more fitting, then, than that we Freshmen, in this green time of our life, should enter high school? The March winds and April showers were very necessary to the budding of the shoots of knowledge in the Freshman mind. We, so green and sweet in our dewy innocence, received at this time the first seeds of knowledge and felt the first pull of the plow and the cultivator in this spring of our career.

Under the guidance and watchful care of our beloved sponsor, Miss Olivia Brown, we, fifty-three seekers of knowledge, organized and elected as our officers: Sara Stone, President; Nellie Philpott, Vice President; Maxine Philpott, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Literary Society was begun and sponsored by Miss Olivia Brown. The Dramatic Club was sponsored by Miss Betty Davidson. Many Freshmen were members of these clubs.

A Beauty Pageant was given with only boy contestants and, at this time, the Freshmen scored a run as Howard White, one of our members, was selected as "Miss Bassett."

Our class was also represented in the athletic field. The boys' Basket Ball Team won the county championship. Jason Giles was the only Freshman boy who played that year. Many Freshmen were members of the Girls' Basket Ball Team.

We felt the stir of new life in our blood and we did not realize, any more than do the Freshmen of today, how very green we were. We had become accustomed to the wild band of wild beings who were called "Sophomores" and who, because of their fierce taste for Freshman blood, did pounce on us, causing us to suffer greatly in this newly established world and to say in our hearts:

"Behold, blessed be the name of Education, for because of it have we endured great torments, both of the body and of the mind. Verily have we been followers to its great and noble cause!"

SOPHOMORE (Summer)

But the March winds and April showers brought forth an abundance of May flowers and the summer time came upon us almost before we knew, so delightfully did the one season blend with the other. We found the skies so much bluer and sweeter and the sun shone more warmly upon us. We had stuck our heads high enough to see nearly as much of it as we imagined we could. We held our heads very high and we kept the stalks that supported them very straight. They were not yet very heavy with their accumulation of wisdom and so did not droop with the weight. But our flowers were unfolding little by little. We were slowly, but surely, coming out into the light of day.

One eventful day was the adoption of the name of "Ramsey's Serfs." We were very sad when we found that five of our members had failed to appear to continue the journey with us. But when the ruler said:

"Go, gather ye in a body and organize yourselves so that ye may gain in strength and courage," it was done and the Class of '35 chose as its leaders: President, Codell Jones; Vice President, Nellie Philpott; Secretary and Treasurer, Virginia Grogan.

As time passed, three fair maidens and two bold, dashing young men joined our group.

Again our class was represented in the athletic field. Some members were seized with a strange infirmity. Wise men were called to look upon them, examining them with much care and finally pronounced the infirmity in the male as "baseball" and in the female, "basket ball." Nellie Philpott was selected to play center on All-Star Basket Ball Team.

The Girls' Basket Ball Team was Henry County Champions of 1935 and 1936. Much credit was due the coach, Miss Dora Mitchell, who worked faithfully with them every day. Nellie Philpott was elected Vice President of the Home Eckers Club.

That which tended to add to the fertile soil and make our buds of knowledge now become blossoms was the camping trip taken by the Home Eckers Club.

The girls went to "Sunset Lodge." Here they enjoyed camp life to the greatest extent, engaging in hikes, fishing and night life around a bonfire. The girls had as their guests Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who were both teachers of Bassett High School. On Saturday night the girls entertained the High School faculty. A large bonfire was built and marshmallows and weiners were roasted. Later in the evening, stunts were displayed by the girls and also their guests. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

JUNIOR (Autumn)

But verily, in school life even as in nature, "leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither," and the autumn of our days came as soon as we were ready. Very brilliant was our foliage that year, very rich our fruitage, as the little buds of the Freshman year, grown into the flowers of Sophomore development, became the richer, more necessary and more satisfying fruit of autumn. It was indeed the harvest of all our early planting—the reaping of the results of all our dreams, hopes, and efforts. The glow of our radiant knowledge flushed the whole year with the mellowness of sunset splendor. It brought with it the glad Thanksgiving of November—thankful we knew so much, thankful we were no longer Freshmen or Sophomores, thankful that we would so soon be Seniors and that we had been able to achieve so much. The Class elected as our President, Codell Jones.

A play, "Sky High," was presented in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Sara Jane Jose. Some of the Juniors who played important parts in the play were Marjorie Clark and Jessie Williams. Four Junior girls participated in the chorus.

Class History

Ralph Ingram was elected Vice President of Patrick Henry Literary Society. Ellery White and Nellie Philpott were Secretary and Trasurer of Jeffersonian Literary Society.

The Beta Club was formed for the first time in Bassett High School, with Mr. Hoover as sponsor. Some of the members who were eligible for membership were: June Stone, who became Vice President of the Club; Jessie Williams, who was Secretary and Treasurer; Minnie and Mildred Helms, Edna Joyce, Ruby Seay, Nellie Moran, Virginia Grogan and Howard White.

The Home Eckers Club took another trip. They hiked to Glen Eden and cooked their breakfast.

Other honors given to Juniors were: Elsie Mitchell, Associate Editor of the school paper; Nellie Moran, Junior reporter.

The Junior-Senior banquet was a great feast. The cruise with the Merry Gang was a happy journey enjoyed by all. It happened that certain members of the Class, having been given that one talent of making words rhyme, presented to the passengers a song entitled, "Good-bye, Dear Seniors." Also at this time Howard White, as toastmaster, brought honor to himself and his class by his subtle wit.

But it was not all glory, wonder and splendor. There were tests, cultivations and the fall planting and, with all our wisdom, there was often much to be desired.

SENIOR (WINTER)

But even this stage passed on into eternity; the fruit was all gathered and stored away within our memories and, with the snows of all the past in hoary wisdom upon our heads, we welcomed the approach of winter. The flowers have long since decayed, as we outgrew them, and the seeds of the new life-to-be were stored away beneath the soil of our understanding, ready, at the call of the coming spring, to put forth their new shoots and push forth into the new world. Rugged in our young manhood and womanhood, clad in "spotless snow and frost" protecting the yet immature germs of developing life from the blighting atmosphere, we stand at the end of our course.

When we entered, this fall, our last year of school, some of our old members failed to join us. They were Annie Bowles, Lucy Stone, Edith Seay, Irene Walker and Edward Varner. We were joined by one new member, David Flora.

The Senior Class elected as their officers: President, Marjorie Clark; Vice President, Virginia Grogan; Secretary, Mildred Helms; Treasurer, Nellie Moran. Miss Shirley Brightwell, a new member of the faculty, came to teach the Senior Class Government.

The Senior Class, under the influence and never-ceasing care of their beloved teacher, Miss Mildred Akers, again published the *'Fessor Hoover's Gang* weekly in the town paper. June Stone was Editor-in-Chief. The Annual was another great undertaking. Howard White was Editor-in-Chief and Faculty Advisors were Miss Mitchell and Mr. Cooper.

A play, "Coast to Coast," was presented under the direction of Miss Katherine Burch. Jason Giles was the only Senior who played an important part in the play. Eight Senior girls participated in the chorus.

The Seniors had a meeting and elected the following for class honors: Virginia Grogan as Historian; Howard White as Framer of the Last Will and Testament; Mack Little as Prophet; Codell Jones as Poet; Jessie Williams and Elsie Mitchell as Song Composers. The honor of Valedictorian was won by June Stone, while the honor of Salutatorian went to Mildred Helms.

The Beta Club was again organized with Mr. Hoover as sponsor and Mrs. Bryant, assistant. Many Seniors were members of this honorary club. Howard White became President of the Club.

An amateur show was sponsored by the High School at the Stone Theatre. The Senior Class won second prize for their "Big Apple" dance.

A very unusual record, and one which we are proud of, is the entrance of five girls, Nellie Moran, Jessie Williams, Maxine Philpott, June Stone and Virginia Grogan into Bassett High School in the year of 1927 and their continued progress through the grades together until now they have reached the highest point in their school life—graduation. Another record of interest this year is the graduation of five cousins, who are: Virginia Bell Franklin, June Stone, Jessie Williams, Nellie Philpott and Maxine Philpott.

The Bassett High School Literary Societies were organized. Jessie Williams was elected President of General Literary Society and David Flora was elected as Chaplain.

On March 18th a Beauty Pageant was given and almost all of the Senior girls were contestants. Miss Mildred Elgin, a seventh grade pupil, was declared "Miss Bassett 1938."

The Beta Club Convention was held April 1st and 2d in Roanoke, at the Patrick Henry Hotel. An article written on the flood by Howard White, of the Bassett Club, was given honorable mention at the convention. Those attending the convention were the following: Jessie Williams, June Stone, Virginia Grogan, Nellie Moran, Marjorie Clark, and Mr. Hoover (sponsor).

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held at the Riverside Hotel on March 25th. This year the banquet was in the form of "Top Hat" Night Club. This event was one that was looked forward to and greatly enjoyed by the Seniors.

Now, as we stand at the end of our course it seems a sadder time than we expected. The world outside is cold. We know not what to expect from its bleak, bare atmosphere.

We, the Class of '38, will not wither now that the season of High School Life is at an end, but we will enter into a more yielding season—"Real Life."—VIRGINIA GROGAN.

Class History

They told me that I must prophesy,
And it should be the work of a sage.
But I, a fool more than sage,
Will try to reveal your future
In our next imaginary age.

The Hoto-Hoto scope that reveals your life,
Awoke us in a world far remote from evil and strife.
'Tis a thriving metropolitan city, Europa
It was to me and all of you, a modern Utopia.

I was strolling along on a well-paved street,
And one of you I was first to greet.
It was Jessie Williams and a gigolo
She was trying to let every one know,
That she had inherited enough money to get her a beau.

She told me that her ambition was to dance and sing,
And to marry Jason Giles, who had become His Majesty the King.
At the palace His Majesty invited me to sit on his right,
And tapped me on the shoulders with his royal sword,
Signifying that I had just become a knight.

His court jester, Howard White, was quite a clown,
He was trying to make the King laugh instead of frown.
They invited me to come into the hall,
Where Howard was going to teach Jason to pitch a curve ball.
His Majesty called for an entertainer to dance and sing.

Maxine Philpott was chosen and the subjects' prayers did ring,
Their only prayer was, "God save the King."
And later came in a poor subject, David Flora,
Who was a minister and poor to the core.
He reached in his pockets and could find nothing but dust,
And said, "If God wills it, it must be thus."

I motored to a distant city to see a world series game,
And here I met a ball player who had carved for himself a name.
It was Ralph Ingram, who was a catcher for the New York Yanks,
He had been voted as the most valuable player in the major ranks.

It was the day for the session of Congress and I thought I would attend,
There was only one woman taking her place with numbers of men.
She was Myrtle Hancock, who was the first woman legislator.
Myrtle was working for women's rights and known as "The Emancipator."

A picture was being filmed on a movie set,
And in to see it the surging crowd tried to get.
I wanted to see the scene and toward the set I was beckoned.
There was a love scene being filmed with Melvin Stone playing the leading role and Robert Taylor playing as his second.

Through a large hotel window I saw Codell Jones giving herself a toast,
And naming the beaux of which she could boast.
She was telling of her numerous flirtations.
She said, "It wasn't love, they were mild infatuations."

Passing a stately marble building in the semi-dark
I met a small, well-dressed woman whom you know as Marjorie Clark.
From many a human heart she had taken a thorn,
She was widely known as an authority on advice to the lovelorn.

She invited me to come to her office and to meet her guest.
In her office were volumes of books to help her in her quest.
Violet Richardson wanted to take a love test
To find out which of her boy friends she loved best.

Then came in a woman, deep in woe,
One at this time you would hardly know.
She was in love with a traveling salesman and wanted to rush him to a minister,
Because Minnie Helms was taking no chances on being a spinster.

Estelle Prillaman to us confides,
She's anxious to get married and decides
To answer "Yes" to the first one who dares
To proffer her the honored name he bears.
I believe she will and surely can
With one sweet smile bewitch a capable man.

Mildred Franklin, with cheeks of rose,
Came prancing in with beauty to expose.
She said, "He was such an old model and grew old so fast,
But I'll be well rewarded because I'll get a new one at last."

Virginia Belle Franklin sent in an order for an economy size,
With dimpled cheeks and baby blue eyes.
Her order read, "This is my first and I may not be fortunate enough to get eleven,
I'll treat him divinely because he was sent from heaven."

I observed an eccentric and fastidious woman who was immeasurably hard to please
She was adorned in a fur coat with large, draping sleeves.
She shoved her way to the counter and signed her name as Edna Joyce,
I'm sure that she would never be able to pick a suitable husband if she had her choice.

Oh, at last, according to my flawless intuition,
Ellery White will be an expert beautician.
I walked over to see the fashionable coiffeurs she had created
And met Arlene Prillaman, who was married and domesticated.

Mildred Helms has written a woman's book
And into her spacious book store many feminine eyes do look.
A handsome price have countless, middle-aged women paid,
It was a prize-winning book, "How to Keep from Being an Old Maid."

The first patron was Eva Young,
It seems her first husband had done her wrong.
She said, "My first husband could get nothing but dregs,
But now I want a man who can make golden eggs."

I noticed advertisements flying everywhere,
And read of the new sensation that was in the air.
June Stone has written a number of books
On "How Women Can be Good Cooks Without Ruining Their Looks."

Sitting in a cream-colored limousine
Was the most luxurious sight of which anyone could dream.
There was Nellie Philpott, wearing a sable coat and a diamond-studded pin in her hair,
For she was the wife of a deceased millionaire.

Passing the theater I heard roars and hisses,
It was Hope Leftwich and Dot Hamlin, making their screen debut in "Love and Kisses."
There was a heart-stirring drama performed on the stage,
Featuring Elsie Mitchell and Ruby Seay in "Act Your Age."

I heard poppings, smackings, crushes and roars,
And toward these noises the masses did pour.
They were the most savage noises and the most humorous sight I have ever seen,
It was Mable Joyce competing for Wrigley's fastest chewing gum queen.

What's this, Nellie Moran is going to be a nurse?
Well, that's good, I'm sure she might be worse.
There's always need for a loving heart and helping hand
To care for those whom constant care demands.

On the street corner I saw a large, illuminated, neon sign, Virginia Grogan
and Reva Shelton's marriage bureau.
How you girls will get husbands I think you should know.
This sign read, "We can get you any husband you want, etc. (So and So)
It makes no difference whether you want Larry, Curley or Moe."

Riding past the tennis court in a fleeting car,
I chanced to see Mack Little in a game with a Wimbledon star.
He was not a doctor, preacher and never admitted to take the bar,
But he was a tennis player and known as a tennis czar.

—Mack Little.

'Thirty-Eight, about to die, salutes you!

Contrary to the custom in such cases, and loath as are all members of my profession to establish precedents, only at the bequest of my noble client, 'Thirty-Eight, have I called you together, before her death, to hear her will and to receive her gifts.

I was persuaded to this action by the unusual circumstance of my client.

I dread to tell you, but be calm, the doctor is here, ready to revive all fainting ones, but he cannot attend to many. Here is my secret, keep it well!

A consultation of doctors was called together on the seventeenth of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, doctors who have never been known to fail in their prognostications. They have announced that on May the seventeenth, 'Thirty-Eight will die.

My client wishes me to state that, owing to the lightness of his head, caused by the gradual swelling during the last four years, and a heaviness in the heart and other organs, caused by thoughts of parting and over-feasting, respectively, she may have been mistaken in her inventory, but such as she has she gives to you, praying that you may not believe that it is only because she cannot keep her goods that she is generous.

So listen, one and all, while I read the last wishes of the now dying Class of 'Thirty-Eight.

We, the Class of 'Thirty-Eight, being about to leave this sphere in full possession of a sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this, our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by us at any time heretofore made.

First, we do direct that our funeral services shall be conducted by our friends and well wishers, the faculty. Only enjoining that the funeral be carried on with all the dignity and pomp our situation in the school scale has merited.

Item: We will and bequeath to the faculty restful nights and peaceful dreams. No longer need they lie awake through the long watches of the night to worry over the uncertainty of whether this one is doing her night work or whether that one will have her math in the morning class. It has been a hard strain on them, for Seniors are said to be at all times and under all conditions difficult to manage, but they have done their duty well and verily, now shall they have their well-earned reward.

Item: We will and bequeath to Bassett High School one more restful summer through which she will have time to recuperate from the eight months of strain she has recently been through.

Item: We will and bequeath to our successors, '39, our classroom and assembly seats. In this are included all chewing gum and trash which may be found in or on the seats.

Item: We give to the Freshmen and Sophomores the following advice, accepting which will send them to glory: Copy '38—learn to work if not to win; development comes sooner through bearing failures than success. It isn't fun, but still look at '38 and be encouraged.

Item: The subjoined list will be recognized as entailed estates, to which we do declare the Class of 'Thirty-Nine the real and rightful successors:

First, the individuals of 'Thirty-Eight will and bequeath their own personal property, as follows:

1. Marjorie Clark does will and bequeath to Junior Giles her unerring ability as President of the Class.

2. David Flora wills and bequeaths to Rodes Boyd his bashfulness. May Rodes use this to the best advantage.

3. Mildred Franklin wills and bequeaths to Eulys Greenall her secret of beautiful hair and a bottle of peroxide.

4. Virginia Belle Franklin gives and bequeaths to Virginia Davis her ability to keep her love affair a secret.

5. Jason Giles wills and bequeaths to Claude Shockley his love for himself.

6. Myrtle Hancock wills and bequeaths to Mary Virginia Morris her ability to know all and tell all.

7. Mabel Joyce wills and bequeaths to Ruby Hylton her ability to primp in school.

8. Mildred Helms wills and bequeaths to Juanita Leftwich her modesty and refinement.

9. Minnie Helms wills and bequeaths to Doris Berry her poetic abilities.

10. Ralph Ingram wills and bequeaths to Kenneth Jones his ability as reporter and athlete.

11. Dorothy Hamlin wills and bequeaths to William Shanker her appetite.

12. Virginia Grogan and Edna Joyce will and bequeath to Katherine Ramsey their scholastic abilities.

13. Codell Jones wills and bequeaths to Alma Coleman her "gift of gab."

14. Hope Leftwich wills and bequeaths to Grace Prillaman her ability to stick to her man.

15. Mack Little wills and bequeaths to Robert Hutcherson all of his Oriental features.

16. Elsie Mitchell and Nellie Moran will and bequeath to Beatrice Yeaman their ability as librarians and reporters.

17. Arlene and Estelle Prillaman will and bequeath to Christine Ingram their ability to use lipstick and rouge.

18. Nellie Philpott wills and bequeaths to Mary Kinney her ability as basket ball center.

19. Maxine Philpott wills to Gladys Vernon all of her excess poundage.

20. Reva Shelton wills and bequeaths to Sadie McCrow her craving for sample cakes.

21. Ruby Seay wills and bequeaths to J. T. Williams her old report cards and wishes him to copy them as nearly correctly as possible.

22. June Stone wills and bequeaths to George Philpott her ability as an assistant on the Annual Staff.

23. Melvin Stone wills and bequeaths to Thurman Brammer the sleekness of his hair.

24. Violet Richardson wills and bequeaths to Annie Bowles her quietness and solitude.

25. Ellery White wills and bequeaths to Dossie Plybon her methods of keeping her love straight.

26. Howard White wills and bequeaths to Terrell Clarke all of his unworked geometry propositions and his seat in detention hall.

27. Eva Young wills and bequeaths to Lucy Stone her ability to sing.

28. Jessie Williams wills and bequeaths to Frances Prillaman her gum-chewing abilities.

The Class as a whole wills and bequeaths to the Junior Class their Christmas tree decorations.

We do hereby constitute and appoint Mr. Hoover sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, We, the Class of '38, the testators, have to this our will, written on one sheet of parchment, set our hand and seal this seventeenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

—Howard White.

Last Will and Testament

TOP HAT NIGHT CLUB

Were you invited to the Top Hat Night Club? If you weren't, you certainly missed the time of your life. We went to this Night Club March 25th at the Riverside Hotel.

Tickets, which were issued a week previous to the club, had on them their table number and seat number and invited them to the Club at 7:30. Every person had to present his ticket at the door in order to enter the Night Club.

The dining room carried out the color scheme of green and white. The favors were black and white top hats filled with peanuts. The programs, which were black and white, had a very artistic top hat design on the front.

The floor show was as follows:

Invocation.....Mr. Hoover
Grand Opening.....David Giles
Song—"Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here".....(All)
Toast to Seniors.....Terrell Clarke
Response.....Marjorie Clarke
Toast to Faculty.....Kenneth Jones
Senior Class History.....Virginia Grogan
Piano Solo.....Mary Kinney
Senior Class Poem.....Maxine Philpott
Senior Class Prophecy.....Mack Little
Musical Interlude
Last Will and Testament.....Howard White
Class Song.....Senior Class

Several interesting talks were given between times, which made the Club an interesting one. Jokes told and peanut throwing added life and gaiety to the party.

The menu consisted of:

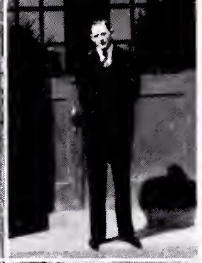
BOQUET COCKTAIL
BAKED CHICKEN WITH DRESSING AND GRAVY
ASPARAGUS GREEN PEAS PARSLEY POTATOES
RADISHES CELERY OLIVES PICKLES
ROLLS BUTTER
LIME NUT SALAD WITH ICE CREAM AND RITZ CRACKERS
ICED TEA

Those who attended the Night Club were: Messrs. David Flora, Jason Giles, Ralph Ingram, Mack Little, Melvin Stone, Howard White; Misses Marjorie Clarke, Mildred Franklin, Virginia Belle Franklin, Virginia Grogan, Myrtle Hancock, Dorothy Hamlin, Mildred Helms, Minnie Helms, Mabel Joyce, Codell Jones, Edna Joyce, Hope Leftwich, Elsie Mitchell, Nellie Moran, Arlene Prillaman, Estelle Prillaman, Nellie Philpott, Maxine Philpott, Reva Shelton, Ruby Seay, June Stone, Violet Richardson, Ellery White, Jessie Williams.

Messrs. Rhodes Boyd, Thurman Brammer, Terrell Clarke, David Giles, Robert Hutcherson, Kenneth Jones, George Philpott, William Shanker, Claude Shockley, J. T. Williams; Misses Doris Berry, Annie Bowles, Alma Coleman, Virginia Davis, Ruby Hylton, Christine Ingram, Mary Kinney, Juanita Leftwich, Sadie McCraw, Mary Virginia Morris, Dossie Plybon, Frances Prillaman, Grace Prillaman, Katherine Ramsey, Gladys Vernon, Beatrice Yeaman, Nell Weaver, Cleo Craig, Mildred Akers, Virginia Goode, Shirley Brightwell, Christine Harris, Dora Mitchell; Mesdames Roy Bryant, E. C. Hoover, J. F. Hollifield; Messrs. Harvey Cooper, J. F. Hollifield, Roy Bryant, E. C. Hoover.

The faculty sponsors for the banquet were Misses Goode and Akers, and Mr. Cooper.

Prettiest
Miss Akers



Best Looking
Mr. Bryant

Most Attractive
Miss Goode

Most Attractive
Mr. Cooper

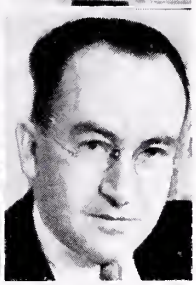
Best All Around
Miss Akers

Best All Around
Mr. Hoover

Wittiest
Miss Goode

Wittiest
Mr. Cooper

Most Capable
Miss Mitchell



Most Capable
Mr. Hoover

Most Popular
Miss Akers

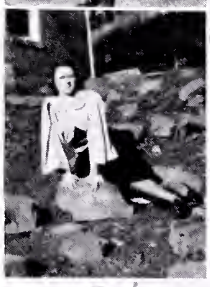
Most Popular
Mr. Cooper

Faculty Mirror

Prettiest
ELLERY WHITE

Best Looking
RALPH INGRAM

Most Attractive
DOROTHY HAMLIN



Most Attractive
HOWARD WHITE

Most Sophisticated
VIRGINIA BELLE FRANKLIN

Most Sophisticated
JASON GILES

Most Popular
MAXINE PHILPOTT

Most Popular
HOWARD WHITE

Most Intellectual
MILDRED HELMS

Most Intellectual
MACK LITTLE

Most Typical Senior
NELLIE MORAN

Most Typical Senior
DAVID FLORA

Most Humorous
MAXINE PHILPOTT

Most Humorous
HOWARD WHITE

Most Dependable
VIRGINIA GROGAN

Most Dependable
MACK LITTLE

Biggest Chatterbox
CODELL JONES

Biggest Chatterbox
JASON GILES

Best All Around
NELLIE PHILPOTT

Best All Around
HOWARD WHITE

Teacher's Pet
MARJORIE CLARK

Teacher's Pet
MELVIN STONE

Most Studious
JUNE STONE

Most Studious
HOWARD WHITE

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President ..... David Giles
Vice President ..... Juanita Leftwich
Treasurer ..... Virginia Davis
Secretary ..... Christine Ingram
Reporter ..... Beatrice Yeaman
Sponsor ..... Harvey Cooper

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President ..... Edith McGhee
Vice President ..... P. L. Collins, Jr.
Treasurer ..... Allison Maye
Secretary ..... Billie Berry
Reporter ..... Doris Pegram
Sponsors ..... Virginia Goode, Shirley Brightwell

FRESHMAN OFFICERS

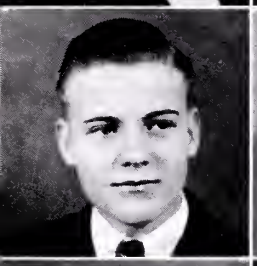
President ..... Rachel Helms
Vice President ..... Buddy Martin
Treasurer ..... Troy Joyce
Secretary ..... Christie Belle Turner
Reporter ..... Mary E. Bassett
Sponsors ..... Dora Mitchell, Shirley Brightwell, Roy Bryant

DORIS BERRY

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

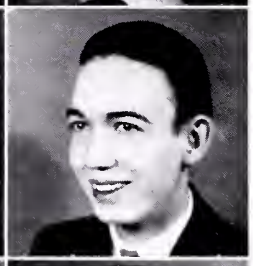
ANNIE BOWLES

"What sweet delight a quiet life affords."



RODES BOYD

"Bashfulness is an ornament to youth but a reproach to old age."

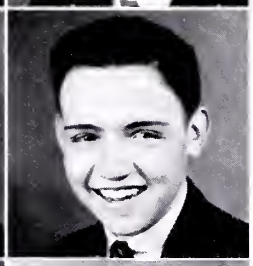


THURMAN BRAMMER

"Modesty is the conscience of the body."

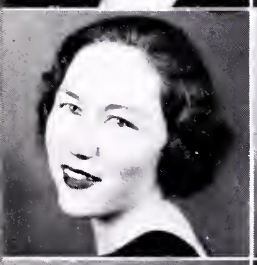
ALMA COLEMAN

"A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."



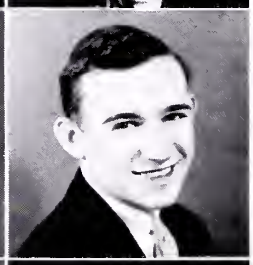
TERRELL CLARKE

"I envy no man that knows more than myself, but pity them that know less."



VIRGINIA DAVIS

"Good company and good discourse are the sinews of virtue."

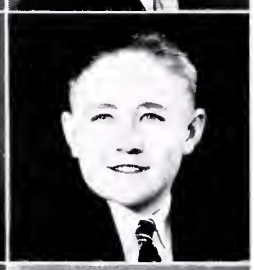


DAVID GILES

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."

EULYS GREENALL

"Solitude shows us what we should be; society shows us what we are."

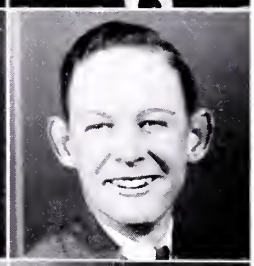


ROBERT HUTCHERSON

"There is a foolish corner even in the brain of a sage."

CHRISTINE INGRAM

"Wisdom is to the mind what health is to the body."

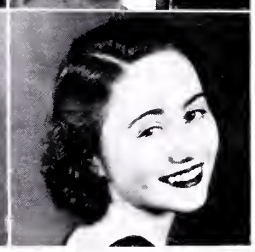


KENNETH JONES

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they like to say something."

MARY KINNEY

"A truly elegant taste is generally accompanied with excellency of heart."



JUANITA LEFTWICH

"Virtue and genuine graces in themselves speak what no words can utter."

MARY VIRGINIA MORRIS

"Reading serves for delight, for ability, the simple admire it, the wise use it."

SADIE MCCRAW

"What a spendthrift she is of her tongue."

DOSSIE PLYBON

"They are never alone who are accompanied by noble thoughts."

GEORGE PHILPOTT

"The only disadvantage of an honest heart is credulity."

GRACE PRILLAMAN

"Words are pictures of our thoughts."

FRANCES PRILLAMAN

"Nothing is so hard, but search will find it out."

KATHERINE RAMSEY

"How goodness heightens beauty."

WILLIAM SHANKER

"It is not the quantity of meat, but the cheerfulness of the guest which makes the feast."

LUCY STONE

"If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue."

CLAUDE SHOCKLEY

"No man flatters the woman he really loves."

GLADYS VERNON

"To know how to wait is the great secret of success."

J. T. WILLIAMS

"Learning by study must be won; 'twas ne'er handed down from sire to son."

BEATRICE YEAMAN

"There is an unspeakable pleasure attending the life of a voluntary student."

Berry, Billy
Brewer, Irene
Bryson, Burnham
Carter, Donovan
Carter, Otis
Collins, P. L., Jr.
Craig, Margaret
Draper, Dewy
Eggleston, J. A.
Ferguson, Violet
Flora, Samuel
Greenall, Meryl
Grogan, T. F.
Helms, Jack
Jarrett, Mildred
Johnson, Geneva
Little, H. B., Jr.
Martin, Christine
Martin, Dorothy
Mason, Agnes
Maye, Allison
McCall, Warren
McGhee, Edith
Pedigo, Alice
Pegram, Doris
Perkins, Helen
Ramsey, Anne
Ramsey, Ethel
Richardson, Paul
Ross, Billie
Ross, Genevieve
Shelton, Lessie Mae
Spencer, Myrtle
Stone, Allie
Turner, Clara
Turner, Drucilla
Via, Guy
Wade, Mary Elizabeth
Wiggington, Thomas
Wilkson, Dorothy
Wise, Harry
Woody, C. L., Jr.

Sophomores

Adams, Hazel
Adkins, Frances
Adkins, Lucille
Adkins, Jack
Bassett, Mary E.
Beach, Victor
Bocock, Nora
Bower, Herman
Brammer, Velma
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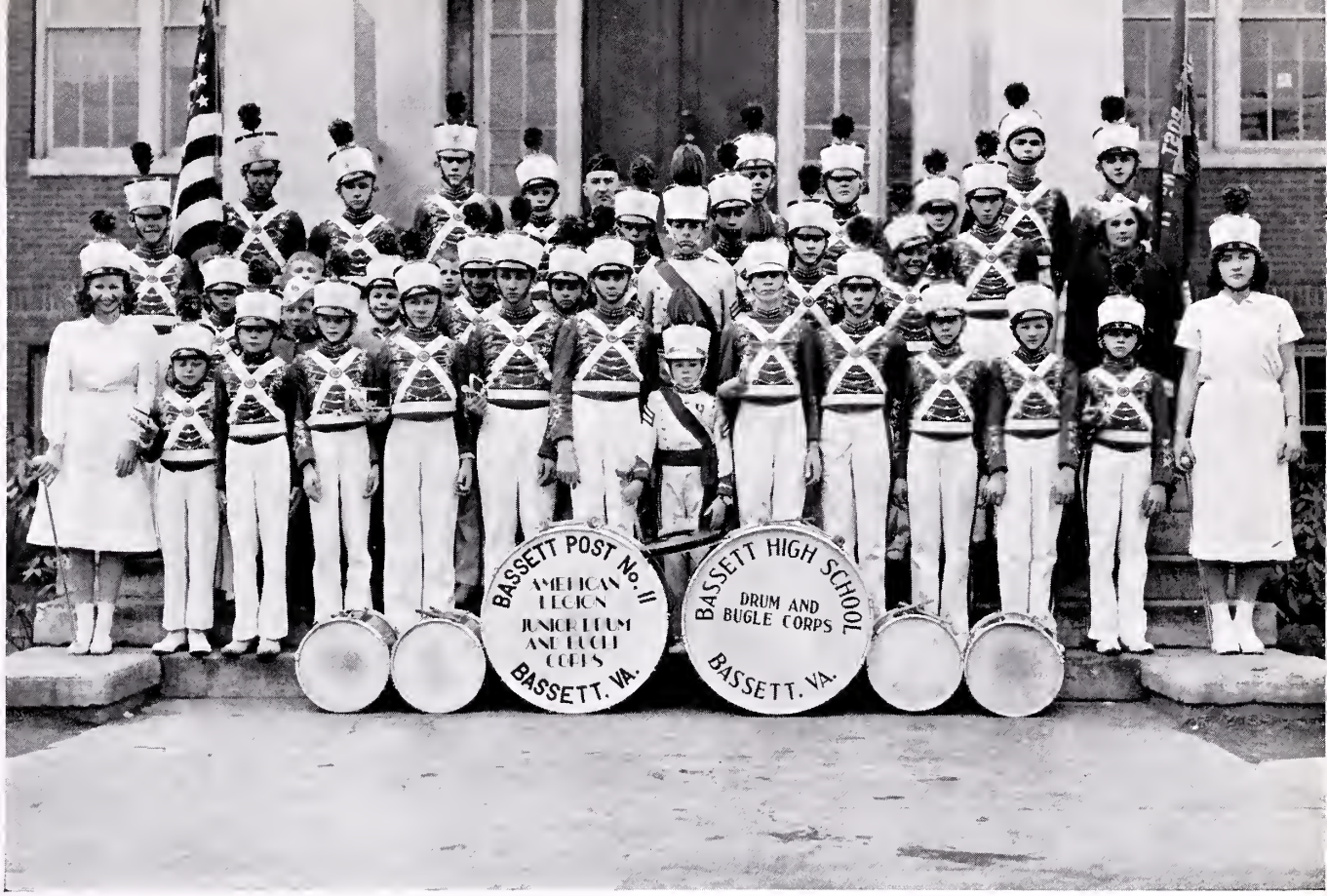

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CLAUDE: "Christine, will you marry me?"
CHRISTINE: "No, I won't."
CLAUDE: "If you don't I'll shoot my brains out."
CHRISTINE: "Well, if you do you'll have one on papa. He doesn't think you have any."

MILDRED F. (voice over phone): "I can't sleep, doctor. Can you do anything for me?"
RALPH I.: "Hold the phone and I'll sing you a lullaby."

MAXINE P.: "I understand you're looking for a new maid."
NELLIE P.: "Yes, the last one we had handled China like Japan."

MELVIN: "Howard, why do you wear such loud socks?"
HOWARD: "To keep my feet from going to sleep."

TERRELL: "Have you ever run up against a mathematical problem that stumped you?"
THURMAN: "Yes, indeed. I could never figure out how, according to advertisements, 85% of the dentists recommend one brand of toothpaste, 92% recommend another brand, and 95% recommend still another brand."

The teacher was trying to make Mary Kinney understand subtraction, and she said: "You have ten fingers. Now, suppose there were three missing, what would you have then?"
"No music lesson," said Mary promptly.

JASON: "I'm learning to fly, Violet. Pretty soon I can take you to the city in an airplane."
VIOLET: "You will not! When I want to go to the city, I'll go in an automobile, the way Providence intended."

RHODES: "Radio is wonderful, isn't it?"
MARY VIRGINIA: "Yes! Just think of the swing bands, the politicians, the torch singers, the crooners, the poets and the thousand other things one can silence simply by twisting a little knob."

CODELL: "Did you ask father for my hand?"
BOY FRIEND: "Yes, I asked him over the phone and he said, 'I don't know who is speaking, but it's O. K. with me'."

MYRTLE H.: "She told me you told her that secret I told you not to tell her."
MILDRED F.: "The mean thing! I told her not to tell you I told her."
MYRTLE H.: "Well, I promised her I wouldn't tell you she told me, so don't tell her I told you."

MISS AKERS: "What on earth made you write a paragraph like that?"
ELSIE M.: "I quoted it, ma'am, from Dickens."
MISS AKERS: "Beautiful lines, aren't they?"

DOCTOR: "You have acute appendicitis."
VIRGINIA G.: "Oh, doctor, how you flatter me!"

MAXINE P.: "Can you drive with one hand?"
BOY FRIEND: "Sure."
MAXINE: "Then have an apple."

MISS GOODE: "Will someone give an explanation of dew?"
MYRTLE H.: "The earth revolves on its axis every twenty-four hours, and in consequence of the tremendous paces at which it travels, it perspires freely."

MRS. SMITH: "Why, Hope, only yesterday you broke four cups! How many will you break tomorrow at that rate?"
HOPE: "None, ma'am, tomorrow's my day off."

ROBERT H.: "Daddy, what effect does the moon have on the tide?"
MR. HUTCHERSON (from depths of a newspaper): "None, son. Only on the untied."

DR. SHOCKLEY: "How did you like Sunday school today?"
CLAUDE: "Fine."
DR. SHOCKLEY: "Now, can you tell me who killed Moses?"
CLAUDE: "No, sir, I was sitting on the back seat and couldn't see."

JESSIE: "Where is that pretty maid who was passing out cocktails awhile ago?"
HOSTESS: "Oh, are you looking for a drink?"
JESSIE: "No, I'm looking for my husband."

MR. BRYANT (after basket ball game): "Jason, you shoot like lightning."
JASON: "You mean I'm fast?"
MR. BRYANT: "No, your shots never strike in the same place twice."

MELVIN: "What is it about your little car that makes such a dreadful rattling noise?"
DAVID: "That? Oh, that's $6.50 jingling around in my pocket."

KENNETH: "Gosh, I need five bucks and I don't know where to get it."
TERRELL: "I'm glad of that. I was afraid you thought you could get it from me."

MARJORIE: "And this, I suppose, is one of those hideous caricatures of modern art?"
NELLIE M.: "Nope, that's just a mirror."

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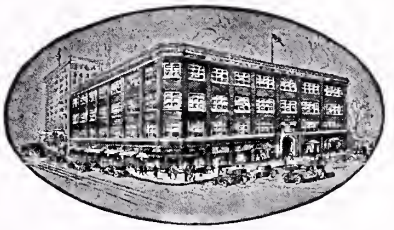

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